Safely completing the final trial, conducted by the combined forces of the instructors

Everyone got more than their fair share of experience with Lufen martial arts.
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After exiting the cave, they ate lunch with a picturesque view of the mountain
Leaving them all feeling very fulfilled...

ALRIGHT! LET'S START PACKING IT UP~!
YES MA'~AM!
IRENE, CLAIRE, HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS COME BACK WITH US~
LET'S ALL EAT DINNER TOGETHER~
OH, ARE YOU SURE WE WON'T BE A BOTHER?
I IMAGINE YOU'D RATHER BE WITH YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS TOO, WOULDN'T YOU?
AH... YEAH, I WOULD~
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE IN BOTH IRENE'S AND MY SCHOOL'S TECHNIQUES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
DEFINITELY!

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We're back~

THE INSTRUCTORS WILL TAKE TEA IN THE MEANTIME. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US, NOVE-SENSEI?
SURE, WE'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

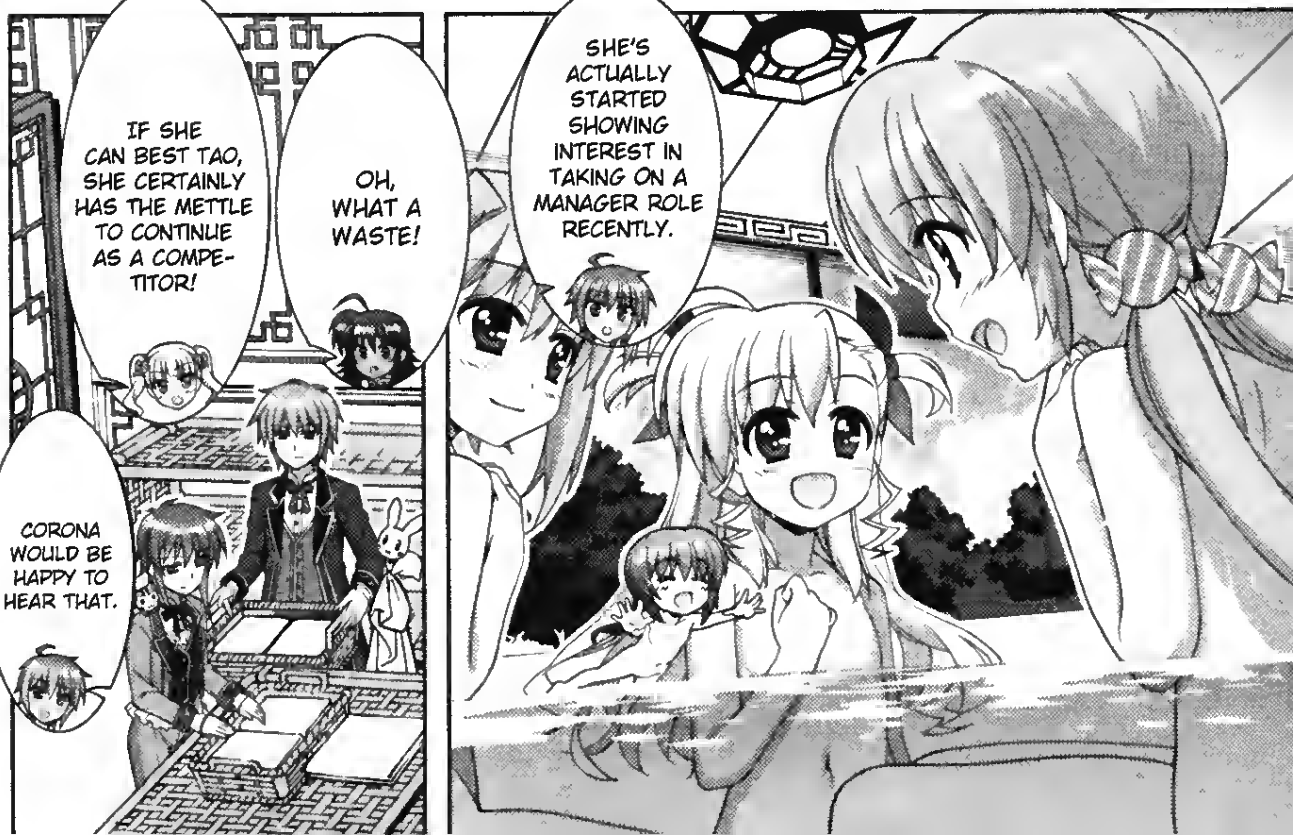
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE IN THE BATH! SHOW THEM THE WAY, RIO!
SURE!

WE CAN HAVE OUR LECTURE AFTER YOU REST FOR A BIT, SIEGLINDE-SAN.
HOW ABOUT YOU JOIN THEM IN THE BATH?
OKAY~

To the Fist of the Spring Sunlight's Hot Spring Bathhouse~!
Welcome~
TAKE YOUR TIME AND WARM YOURSELVES UP~!
EHEHE~
I'm shocked~
Awesome~ A hot spring in your house!

SO, HOW'S EVERYONE LOOKING TO YOU, GRAMPS?
HM. JUST AS I'D HEARD, THEY'RE ALL WONDERFUL KIDS.
THEY ARE ALL DEDICATED TO THEIR CRAFTS.
MICAIAH-JOU IS ESPECIALLY ACCOMPLI-SHED.
SHE'S THE TENDOU SCHOOL'S ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR FOR A REASON~
AND I'M QUITE HAPPY SHE'S TAKING THE TIME TO MENTOR RIO'S GROUP AS WELL.
I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER FRIEND.

UNLIKE US, SHE SEEMS MORE SUITED TO PURE MAGICAL COMBAT.
CORONA'S A PECULIAR ONE~ SHE DOESN'T SEEM THE TYPE FOR MARTIAL ARTS OR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

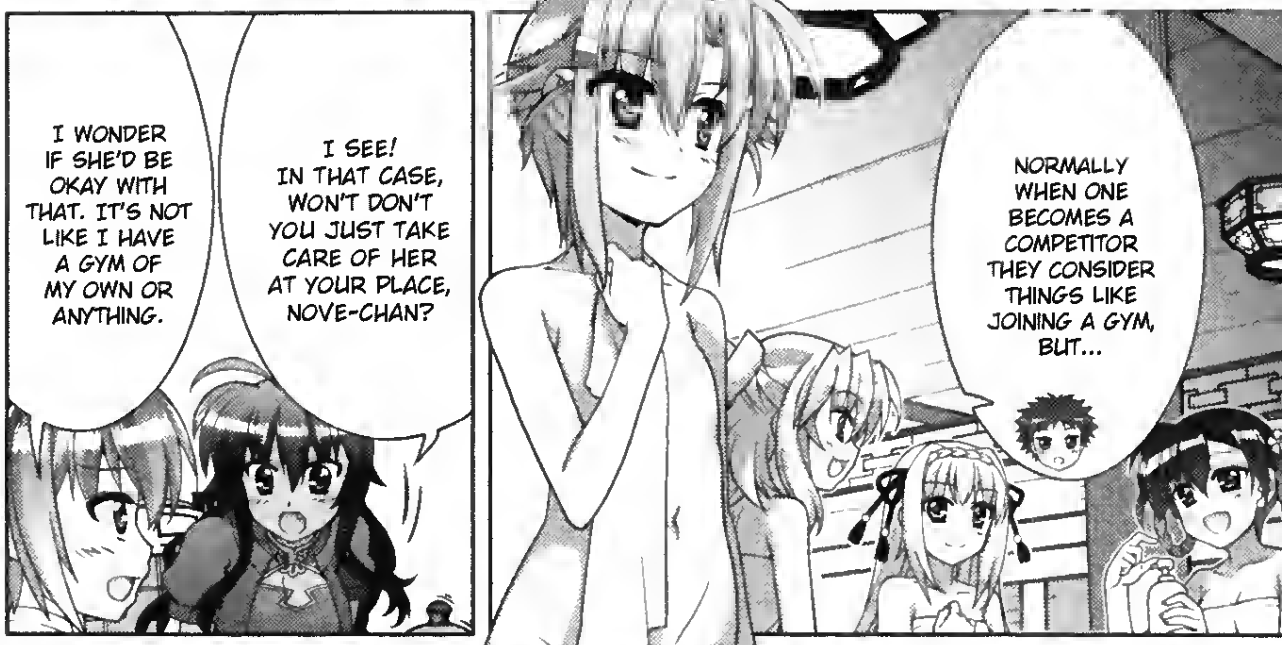

IF SHE CAN BEST TAO, SHE CERTAINLY HAS THE METTLE TO CONTINUE AS A COMPE-TITOR!
OH, WHAT A WASTE!
CORONA WOULD BE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.
SHE'S ACTUALLY STARTED SHOWING INTEREST IN TAKING ON A MANAGER ROLE RECENTLY.

AND RIO'S CERTAINLY GOTTEN STRONGER.
SHE'S DEFINITELY DOING A GOOD JOB MIXING MODERN MARTIAL ARTS WITH THE FIST OF THE SPRING SUNLIGHT~
MAGICAL COMBAT COMPETITIONS ARE MORE MAINSTREAM ON THE MAIN WORLD THESE DAYS AFTER ALL~
TRUE, THERE AREN'T MANY DOJOS LIKE THE FIST OF THE SPRING SUNLIGHT ON MID.
UNDER-STANDABLE, CONSIDERING THE TWO OF YOU WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
COMING FROM A LONG LINE OF TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTISTS, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE DRIFTING FARTHER APART... I ADMIT TO SOME SAD-NESS AT THE THOUGHT.
JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS FOR THE TWO OF YOU TO PURSUE THE HEIGHTS OF OUR TRA-DITIONS.
KIDS LIKE RIO BRANCHING OUT FROM OUR SCHOOL IS A THING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

IRENE-SENSEI, YOU GOT A GOOD LOOK AT VIVIO AND MIURA, RIGHT? HOW WERE THEY?
AH, UM...
MIURA-SAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION IS SUPERB. HER BODY IS TOUGH AND FLEXIBLE.
I'M STILL YOUR JUNIOR, SO IF YOU COULD JUST TALK TO ME LIKE YOU WOULD RIO AND HER FRIENDS...
Oh, I mean... just this once, I guess.
WELL... AHEM. IN THAT CASE.

HER STRIKES AND HER ABILITY TO RUSH IN ARE ALREADY APPROACHING TOP NOTCH; TO THE POINT THAT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE SHE'S BEEN PRACTICING MARTIAL ARTS FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
HER TECHNIQUES ARE SLOPPY, BUT THEY'LL GET BETTER AS SHE GAINS EXPERIENCE.
YES. SHE'S ONLY CONTINUE TO GET STRONGER AS SHE CONTINUES TO FIGHT.
AT A RATE SEVERAL TIMES THAT OF A NORMAL COMPETITOR, I'M SURE.

A TALENT BROUGHT OUT BY HER UPBRINGING, I'LL BET~ I'M JEALOUS OF HER INSTRUCTOR.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
HER MASTER ISN'T A MARTIAL ARTIST?
THAT'S RIGHT: THEY WORK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUREAU.


NORMALLY WHEN ONE BECOMES A COMPETITOR THEY CONSIDER THINGS LIKE JOINING A GYM, BUT...
I SEE! IN THAT CASE, WON'T DON'T YOU JUST TAKE CARE OF HER AT YOUR PLACE, NOVE-CHAN?
I WONDER IF SHE'D BE OKAY WITH THAT. IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A GYM OF MY OWN OR ANYTHING.

YOU SHOULD DO IT~ WORKING AS AN INSTRUCTOR IS CHALLENGING, BUT LOTS OF FUN!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT. BUT BETWEEN FINDING A GOOD FACILITY AND OTHER THINGS ...

HEAD INSTRUCTOR, YOU WERE COACHING EINHART-SAN, WERE YOU NOT?
MM.
HER TALENTS RIVAL THOSE OF JEREMIAH-JOU. THE TWO OF THEM REMIND ME OF PAST PRODIGIES OF THE TRADITIONAL STYLES.

COMPARISONS ASIDE, I DON'T BELIEVE JEREMIAH-SAN HAS SEEN THE DEPTHS OF HER POTENTIAL YET. FRANKLY, WE COULD PROBABLY STAND TO LEARN FROM HER.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE TYPES OF FORMS PREVALENT IN OLD STYLES. IT FEELS TAILORED FOR PRACTICAL USE~
THOUGH THERE'S STILL CONSIDERABLE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

MIURA-SAN, EINHART-SAN, JEREMIAH-SAN. THOSE THREE PROBABLY ALREADY RESIDE WITHIN THE REALM OF "GOD BLOWS".

GOD BLOWS...?
THE DOMAIN TOWARD WHICH ALL TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS STRIVE.
BLOWS THAT DON'T NEED TO AIM FOR VITALS LIKE THE HEAD OR STOMACH: ANY AREA THEY TOUCH BECOMES A VITAL AREA.

A FINISHING BLOW ONE ARRIVES AT AFTER MASTE-RING THEIR TECHNIQUES.

JEREMIAH-SAN'S "STRONG ARM".
MIURA-SAN'S "SWORD DRAW".
EINHART-SAN'S "SKY REND".

I THINK THEY ALL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO OPEN THE DOOR TO A GOD BLOW.

HER SENSES FOR DODGING AND HITTING ARE RARE TALENTS FOR A GIRL HER AGE.
HER SPEED AND SKILL CERTAINLY STAND OUT.
SO THEN, HOW ABOUT NOVE-CHAN'S NO. 1 PUPIL: VIVIO-CHAN?
RELYING ON ONLY THE NECESSARY DEGREE OF FORCE, CONTINUOUSLY CONSCIOUS OF WHERE HER STRIKES ARE HITTING, AND DRAWING EVERYTHING SHE CAN FROM HER MOVEMENT. THAT'S THE PATH I FELT HER "MARTIAL ARTS" WE'RE TAKING HER.

I, TOO, LEARNED A LOT FROM HER. I THINK SHE'S A WONDERFUL COMPETITOR.
I THINK I'M STARTING TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE, NOVE-CHAN.
HOHO?
...WHAT IS IT, RINNA-CHAN?
Nfufu~
A CLASH BETWEEN A SPEAR THAT CAN PIERCE ANY SHIELD AND A SHIELD THAT CAN REPEL ANY SPEAR.

A POWERFUL FIGHTER THAT BLOWS SKILL AND COURAGE TO THE WIND WITH HER "GOD BLOW". AND A TECHNICAL FIGHTER, HITTING WITHOUT BEING HIT, A "TARGETED FLASH".
THEY COMPETE AND BETTER EACH OTHER UNTIL YOU THINK, "NOW, WHICH WILL WIN?"

A CLASH OF STYLES LIKE THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING STRAIGHT FROM A NOVEL! HOW ROMANTIC.
HM.
NO, IT'S NOTHING AS OUTRAGEOUS AS THAT...
THAT'S THE SORT OF COMPETITION YOU'RE AIMING FOR, RIGHT?
WELL...
IS THAT SO?

I JUST WANT EACH OF THEM TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO PURSUE THEIR OWN PATHS.

IT'S REALLY JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT THOSE TWO ARE BITING AT EACH OTHER'S HEELS LIKE THAT.
YEAH, I'LL BET.

BECAUSE OF MY BODY, I COULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN A NORMAL COMPETITION AS A MARTIAL ARTIST...
BUT I WANT THOSE KIDS TO BE ABLE TO CHASE THEIR DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS.
ONE DAY THEY'LL LEAVE MARTIAL ARTS BEHIND... OR, AT LEAST, THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THEY'RE NOT AN ACTIVE COMPETITOR.
AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, I WANT THEM TO LOOK BACK AND BE GLAD THEY PRACTICED MARTIAL ARTS

Eh?!
YOU REALLY CHERISH YOUR STUDENTS, DON'T YOU, NOVE-SENSEI?
EVEN WHILE I WAS FIGHTING THEM, I GOT THIS FEELING...
NO WAY. THIS IS NORMAL FOR A COACH.
I LOVE MY PUPILS TOO~
WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THAT.
THOSE TWO ARE JUST ESPECIALLY IDIOTIC..!
EVERY DAY THOSE KIDS TEACH ME SOMETHING OR MAKE A DREAM OF MINE COME TRUE.
I'M TRULY GRATEFUL TO THEM. BUT DON'T TELL THEM I SAID THAT.

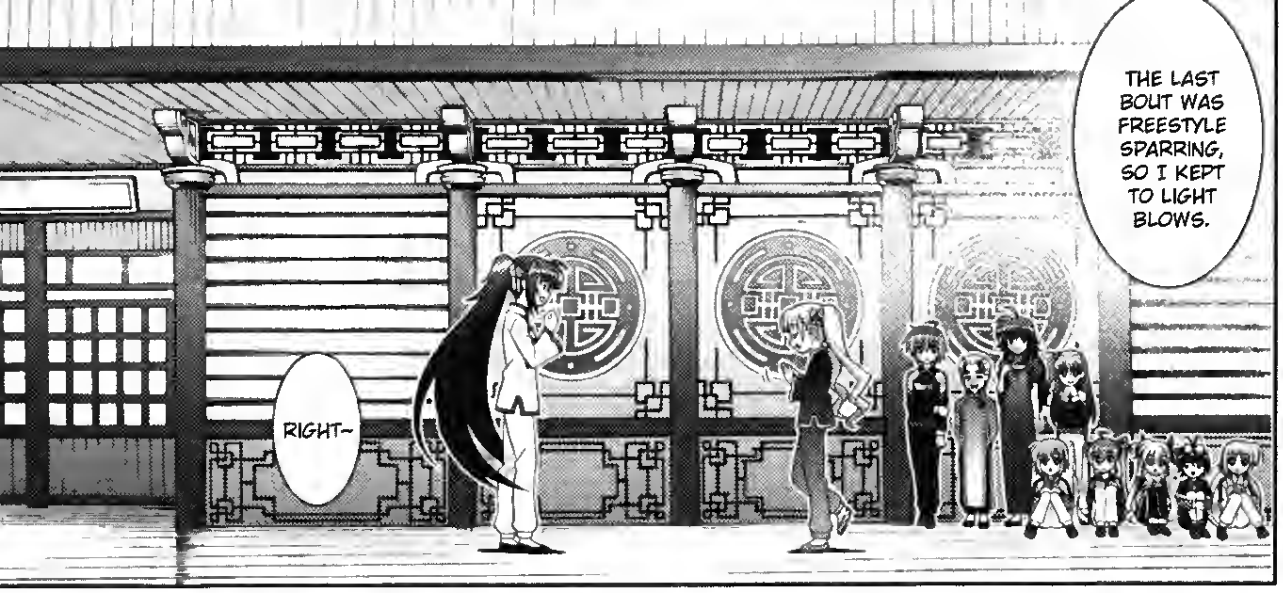
THOSE CHILDREN WILL GET STRONGER.
I'M SURE YOUR DREAMS FOR ALL FOUR OF THEM WILL COME TO PASS.
Thank you very much!
THAT SAID, THEY STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN DURING THEIR STAY. GUIDE THEM WELL.
HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR TOMORROW YET? IF YOU'D LIKE, YOU'RE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FIST OF THE LUSTROUS HUANG.
I GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT!

Sorry for the wait!
Ah, Irene! We're out of the bath~

ALL OF YOU...
Vmm

OKAY! SHALL WE BE OFF, THEN?

S'FINE WITH ME~
...Will be observing, I see.
Wanna watch Wanna watch Wanna watch


THE LAST BOUT WAS FREESTYLE SPARRING, SO I KEPT TO LIGHT BLOWS.
RIGHT~

LOOKING FORWARD TO IT~

LET'S BOTH USE MORE SERIOUS BLOWS THIS TIME, SHALL WE?

LAST YEAR'S MAIN WORLD CHAMPION VERSUS THE TREASURE OF LUFEN'S TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS. THINKING ABOUT IT, THIS IS A PRETTY CRAZY MATCH-UP, ISN'T IT?
IRENE-SAN IS JUST AS AMAZING, STANDING TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE CHAMPION LIKE THAT.
AS EXPECTED, SIEG-SAN CAME OUT SWINGING.
THE LIKES OF WHICH YOU MIGHT NOT SEE IN AN OFFICIAL MATCH~
EVERYONE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.
THEY MAY LOOK LIKE PIONEERS FAR BEYOND YOUR REACH FOR NOW.

ONE DAY YOU WILL, NOT "MIGHT", YOU "WILL" REACH AND SURPASS THEM.

THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE GIRLS TO GROW AND BLOSSOM HAS BEEN PREPARED QUITE WELL.
AND THOSE BLOOMS WILL PERHAPS BE LARGER AND SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED.

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